

A
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OF TWO

LETTERS

DELIVERED TO THE

SPEAKER

OF THE

Honourable House of Commons.



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Mr. Speaker,

MY Duty and Affection to my Country, oblige me to inform this Honourable House, that I have a Petition to deliver of the utmost Importance, that concerns the most invaluable Branches of true *English* Liberty and Property.

This Petition nearly affects some Men in Power: And it will fully appear, that there has been no less a Design, than an intire Subversion (as far as in them lay) of the Laws and Privileges of our Country: All that our Ancestors lov'd and fought for.

The Course of the most unparallel'd Oppressions, I have undergone in my own private Person in their Consequences, are highly worthy the Consideration of this House; and there are Numbers of *Englishmen* ready to join in one Branch or other of the said Petition, as they have experimentally felt the Hardships mentioned in the same.

But, Mr. Speaker,

I labour under the Terror of those Men in Power, and unless I can have the Protection of this Honourable House, to deliver in, and prove the Allegations of the said Petition, I shall be crush'd even in the Attempt. I therefore conceal my Name thro' a just Fear of the Consequences.

I desire of this House Leave and Protection, to bring in this Petition; I promise to stand or fall by the Proof of the Allegations, provided my Witnesses can have a compleat Freedom, without Fear, to speak the Truth.

The full Relation, when it comes forth, will contain astonishing Instances without President, or without Comparison, in any Age of *English* History: And I do not in the least Question, will meet an effectual Remedy by the Care and Zeal of this Honourable House.

S I R,

April, 19. 1725.

I Flattered my self that my humble Request signified to you in two Letters, in which I beg'd the Protection of the Honourable House of Commons, and Freedom to deliver in some just Complaints, would have met with the desired Success.

I am very sorry a wrong Construction has been put upon 'em; whereas they were extorted from me by the Motives of Necessity and Justice; nor can I conceive to whom I may more properly fly for Protection, than to the jealous Guardians of our *English* Liberties, who are chiefly sent by the People for that End.

To them I appeal, who represent me with the rest.

I therefore depend upon your Goodness to favour me with the Communication of my Desires to the House this Day: I am very unwilling to be put upon a more disagreeable Way of ushering in my Complaints to that Honourable House, and wou'd always approve my self,

Sir,

Your very humble Servant;